## THIS MONTH IN ST. PAUL'S

November 2022

### **PEOPLE FIRST**



#### TIDEWATER GARDENS RESIDENTS PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY DAY!

Harbor Park was busy on the last Saturday of October, not with a Tides game, but with families, community members and partners all gathered to participate with **Community Connect!** For the second year in a row, Councilwoman Mamie Johnson has spearheaded this opportunity for kids to have fun while also providing families with available services in health and wellness, everyday living and community. Several City partner organizations were on hand to answer questions, providing opportunities for growth for residents in the areas of health, finances, homeownership and disability services. Children participated in face-painting and identi-kid fingerprinting, and People First staff provided free books to school aged kids. Goodie bags were given away and there was even pumpkin painting! Families also had the opportunity to speak with People First staff to ask questions and receive case specific assistance. What a great way to spend a Saturday!

All Residents have been successfully relocated and continue to work with People First on employment, education and health goals!

See Page 2 for info on the first returning residents

### RESIDENT SERVICES, RELOCATION AND ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT (AS OF 10/31/2022)

- 599 Households signed up for People First services; 585 Households (unduplicated) completed household assessments
- 224 Service Linkages<sup>1</sup> in October and 62 Housing Stability Interventions<sup>2</sup>
- 618 Households or 100% have transitioned out of Tidewater Gardens (304 utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers)
- 54% expressed a desire to return to the new community
- 91% of HCV holders moved to neighborhoods with a poverty rate of less than 40%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Intentional connection to a supportive service resource for which a family has demonstrated need in housing stability, economic mobility, health and wellness, or education. People First tracks referral, waitlisting, enrolled, connected, and completed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rent and utility relief, mobility and landlord-tenant counseling, barrier removal support to ensure families remain stably housed.

#### **REDEVELOPMENT**



## First Replacement Housing Units being leased for Tidewater Gardens Residents!

The first replacement units for returning residents are now available at the Riverside Station development on Curlew Drive in Norfolk. This project, developed by The Franklin Johnston Group includes 120 units of affordable, income restricted one-, two-, and three-bedroom units in Phase 1. Twenty-three of these units are set aside specifically for Tidewater Gardens returning residents. Tidewater Gardens residents may also use their vouchers in the affordable units. The development includes a pool, playground, fitness center, green space with walking trail and a clubhouse and the units will have washer and dyers and energy star appliances. More information on this development can be found here.



# **Give Your Feedback**

on new St. Paul's Area housing designs

#### TWO WAYS TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

## - IN PERSON

**DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER** 434 St. Pauls Boulevard

Monday thru Friday 7am to 2:30pm

## PEOPLE FIRST OFFICE

447 Walke Street Monday thru Friday 10am to 4pm

# 2 - ONLINE

https://www.opentownhall.com/12219



#### ST. PAUL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

November's meeting is canceled for the holiday. The next meeting will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 6-7:30pm at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore (800 Tidewater Drive). Missed the last meeting? You can find the meeting minutes here.

**Questions?** Please email us at <a href="mailto:stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov">stpaulstransformation@norfolk.gov</a> for more information.